

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 17: CRIMES**  
**Chapter 93-A: OBSCENITY**

**§2912. MAGAZINES CONTAINING OBSCENE MATERIAL ON THEIR COVERS  
NOT TO BE DISPLAYED TO MINORS**

**1. Prohibition.** No book, magazine or newspaper containing obscene material on its cover and offered for sale may be displayed in a location accessible to minors unless the cover of that book, magazine or newspaper is covered with an opaque material sufficient to prevent the obscene material from being visible.

[ 2009, c. 2, §37 (COR) .]

**2. Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings.

A. "Minor" means any person who has not attained his 18th birthday. [1979, c. 127, §123 (NEW) .]

B. "Obscene material" means material which:

- (1) To the average individual applying contemporary community standards with respect to what is suitable material for minors, considered as a whole, appeals to prurient interests;
- (2) Depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner, ultimate sexual acts, excretory functions, masturbation or lewd exhibition of the genitals; and
- (3) When considered as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.  
[1983, c. 300, §6 (AMD).]

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**3. Civil violation.** Any person violating this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not more than \$250.

[ 1979, c. 127, §123 (NEW) .]

**SECTION HISTORY**

1979, c. 127, §123 (NEW). 1983, c. 300, §6 (AMD). RR 2009, c. 2, §37 (COR) .

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